

REMARKS

Allowance is respectfully requested. In the Office Action dated June 18, 2002, the Examiner noted that claim 21 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. In the Amendment filed December 16, 2002, Applicants asserted that claim 21 was rewritten in independent form. In fact, claim 21 as amended by the December 16, 2002 Amendment is narrower than original claim 21. The definition of Ar in original claim 21 was a phenyl or naphthyl substituted with at least one of C₁-C₅ alkyl, C₂-C₄ alkenyl, -F, -Cl, -OH, -SO₂, -COOH or -SO₃H. The definition of Ar in the December 16, 2002 Amendment, however, is a phenyl substituted with at least one of C₁-C₅ alkyl, C₂-C₄ alkenyl, -F, -Cl, -OH, -SO₂, -COOH or -SO₃H. The definition of Ar in pending claim 21 does not include naphthyl. Claim 21 has now been amended to include naphthyl in the definition of Ar. Claim 22 has been amended to recite that Ar is a phenyl substituted with at least one of C₁-C₅ alkyl, C₂-C₄ alkenyl, -F, -Cl, -OH, -SO₂, -COOH or -SO₃H. Claim 25 has been amended to include C₄ to C₂₀ alkenyl in the R⁷ Markush group. Claim 33 has been amended to include an antigen amongst the recited biologically-active agents. Claim 44 has been amended to include the limitations of original claim 21.

Claims 21-221 are pending and at issue. Dependent claims 47-221 have been added. Support for claims 47-110 can be found, for example, on page 16, line 26 to page 17, line 21 of the specification. Support for claims 111-124 can be found, for example, on page 17, lines 27-28. Support for claims 125-221 can be found, for example, on page 18, lines 1-6. No new matter has been introduced by these amendments.

Claim 22 and 44 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, for lack of written description. The Examiner states that claims 22 and 44 were not amended in the December 26, 2002 Amendment to include the limitations of claim 21 as indicated in the Amendment.

As discussed above, claims 22 and 44 have been amended to include the limitations of original claim 21. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this rejection.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully requested that the application be reconsidered and all pending claims be allowed and the case passed to issue.

If there are any other issues remaining which the Examiner believes could be resolved through either a supplemental response or an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

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